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REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application. Claims 23, 25, and 32 have been amended for clarification and to correct formal matters. No new matter has been added.

Drawings

The Examiner requested that Figures 1A, 1B and 2 be labeled as Prior Art. The attached replacement sheets make this requested change.

The Examiner objected to the drawing for not showing every feature in claim 20. In particular the Examiner identified the "means for obtaining the output voltage of the light detector." It is respectfully submitted that this feature is adequately shown in the figures and described in the specification. For example, in Fig. 3, the circuit node V_{out} shows a means and location for obtaining the output voltage for use by the I/O interface and signal processor 10. Thus, this objection may be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

The objections to claim 32 have been corrected. Claim 32 has been amended to depend from claim 31, and the typographical error has been corrected.

Claim Rejections, §112

The Examiner has stated that claims 1-32 are indefinite because they include recitations including the phrases "adapted to" or "capable of." Applicants submit that this is not so much a question of indefiniteness, as a question of the scope of the claim language. The Examiner does not appear to have trouble understanding the meaning of the language, but instead is suggesting that these recitations are broader in scope than might have otherwise been written. Even if the language is broader, Applicants traverse the Examiner's assertion that this language does not constitute a limitation. To

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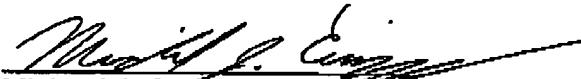
the contrary, the language requires that elements inter-operate in a particular manner and have certain features. Accordingly, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn, or alternatively the Examiner is requested to provide authority that the phrases "adapted to" or "capable of" render the claim indefinite.

The Examiner further requested clarification to claims 23 and 24 regarding the phrase "said determining." Those claims have been amended to provide the requested clairification, and the rejection may be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Based on the amendments and remarks presented herein, it is submitted that all issues have been addressed and the present application is in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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